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## A MODEL GAME LAW TO BE PROPOSED.

Hugh A. White, member of the House of Delegates from Rockbridge and Buena Vista, will introduce into the General Assembly of 1914 the game bill drafted by Colonel J. C. Wise, chairman of the game department of the Virginia Audubon Society.

This measure is practically the same as the Monroe-Rutherford game bill, which passed the Senate in 1912 and died on the House calendar because the four necessary additional votes could not be mustered to bring it up out of parliamentary order on the last day of the session. Seventy-six delegates were favorable to the measure, but it got on the calendar only two days before adjournment.

The White game bill, as it will be known, has the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Audubon Society, the American Game Protection and Propagation Association, all the Virginia game protectionists and thousands of sportsmen and farmers throughout the old Dominion. It is modeled closely after the Wallace law of Alabama, which, since its adoption in 1907, has been copied by fourteen other States. It embodies the provisions of the recently enacted McLean law, the Federal statute protecting migratory birds, and provides for the creation of a State game department and game commissioners, county, State and nonresident licenses to cost \$1, \$2 and \$3, respectively, written permission to hunt on another's land, a corps of efficient wardens to be appointed by the commissioners, educational propaganda in the interest of the farmers, the propagation of game, the protection of all harmless birds and the enumeration of game birds and the seasons in which they may be killed. It does not require any license to hunt on one's own land, and seeks in every way possible to protect the farmer and land-owner, casting the burden and expense of protection on the so-called sportsman.

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The whole system, as proposed, is to be absolutely self-supporting, at the expense of sportsmen, and it is expected that a handsome revenue will accrue to the Commonwealth from the licenses, which has been the case wherever a similar law is in effect.

The law is in no sense an experimental one, for every State in the Union except six has a game department, and all but twelve support protection by the license system.

The game department of the Virginia Audubon Society is now preparing to supplement the campaign it has waged since the last Legislature by distributing thousands of copies of the proposed game law, and explanatory circulars therewith, in an effort to anticipate any adverse arguments that might be advanced by those not familiar with its provisions. A number of prominent men are actively supporting the measure. Much educational work, making easier the progress of adequate game protection, was done by the late Dr. Blanton, who, with the assistance of the State Department of Agriculture, was enabled to accompany the farmers' institute trains and lecture on game preservation in many places in Virginia.

The keynote of the campaign is that sport is an incident of the conservation of bird-life, which is a great natural resource for the farmers and the people of the state at large. Protection in its economic aspects is what principally interests those behind the White game bill.

Miss Wheeler Wilcox says that every man should talk with his wife every day. Some husbands, however, do well to get in a word a week.

A New York funeral procession was halted the other day for traveling too rapidly. This is the first time that we have heard of a corpse exceeding the speed limit.

Live bubbles will be used in Chinese schools in demonstrations of infant hygiene. We hope there will be demonstrations all right when some experimenter accidentally finds a powder in the specimens one.

Dr. Edward Anthony Spitzka has scientifically ascertained that a short-legged man has as much brain power as one with long legs has. Well, why the inquiry? Has anybody ever claimed that a man's brain drive is measured by the length of his socks?

If any of the wah-wah-wah and yank-yank-rooters want to stay in form throughout the game, they will find drinking raw eggs most conducive to sustained shouting.

A Pennsylvania, convicted of larceny, was given the choice of thirty years in prison or exile to Kansas. Being an ignorant cur, he went to Kansas.

Now, we know why Vice-President Marshall has been so silent. He's been in Arizona.

How sorry Harry Thaw must be that he isn't in the South Carolina penitentiary.

## HAIL, DOWN-HOMERS, HAIL!

North Carolinians by the hundreds and by the thousands will come as an invading blue and white army into Richmond to-day and Richmond gives them her heartiest hail, for North Carolinians and Virginians are always well met.

The most welcome guests that cross our threshold are those from the Old North State. From the beginning of the country, we, North Carolinians and Virginians, have been living side by side, fighting side by side, and up-building side by side. In good-natured jest and amicable rivalry we have from time immemorial derided each other, but when our borders had to be defended against the foe, the hornets' nest in the Old North State burst, pouring the Tar Heels into Virginia to stick squarely on the battle line, and stay there until it was all over. We know from the assay of experience that in rugged patriotism, in sublime valor and in splendid heroism, the North Carolinians rank second to none.

The times that tried men's souls are past, but we still delight to welcome North Carolinians to our soil. They come now, not to abus us, but to oppose us upon the athletic field of battle; but whether we win or lose, our welcome's the same. The yearly journey of the Down-Homers to Richmond long ago became an institution. State pride expresses itself in the opposing banks of spectators, each loyal citizen spurring on the eleven that represents his State in this great interstate striving for mastery. Yet, win who shall, Virginia, when the tumult and the shouting die, will touch her glass against North Carolinian's to that fine sentiment of State love.

"Here's to the land of the long-leaf pine,  
The summer land, where the sun doth shine;  
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great;  
Here's to down home, the Old North State."

## UPHOLDING WILSON'S MEXICAN POLICY.

A few days ago we commented on an article in the London Spectator discussing the Mexican question, in which that contemporary expressed warmly its sympathy with the principle of the American policy, although criticizing it as impracticable and "unworkable imperialism" and paid high tribute to President Wilson personally, and to the honesty, sincerity and disinterestedness of the motives actuating him. In a later issue the Spectator returns to the subject to iterate both its doubts and its sympathy in still greater length, but the very arguments with which it tortures the former supply the most cogent reasons why President Wilson should continue to stand fast in patience and the American people should continue steadfastly, patiently supporting him.

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"What is the motive behind each investigation? Who profits by it, in self-advertising or otherwise?"

Since the avowed object of each investigation is to gather information for Congress upon which to frame legislation, is there not a cheaper and more effective method of schooling Congressmen?

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